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SUBJECT: PARTICIPATION OF IRAN IN SPOKANE 1974

INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITION ON ENVIRONMENT

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AMBASSADOR HELMS FROM U.S. COMMISSIONER GENERAL

J. WELLES HENDERSON.

1. FOLLOWING FROM NEW YORK TIMES OCTOBER 3: QUOTE
PAINTINGS, MANUSCRIPTS, IMPERIAL ARTIFACTS AND CALLIGRAPHY
FROM 17TH-CENTURY PERSIA, INCLUDING LETTER FROM SHAH
'ABBAS TO KING CHARLES 1 OF ENGLAND, WILL BE SHOWN
IN EXHIBITION AT ASIA HOUSE GALLERY FROM OCT. 11
THROUGH DEC. 2. THE EXHIBITION, CALLED "SHAH'ABBAS AND
THE ARTS OF ISFAHAN," WAS PREPARED BY ASIA HOUSE IN
COLLABORATION WITH HARVARD UNIVERSITY'S FOGG ART MUSEUM.
GATHERED BY PROF. ANTHONY WELCH OF THE UNIVERSITY OF
VICTORIA IN BRITISH COLUMBIA, THE SHOW IS SUPPORTED
BY GRANT FROM THE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS.

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EXHIBITION INCLUDES SHAH 'ABBAS'S SWORD AND PRECIOUS

MOSLEM RELICS AS TOMB COVER OF IMAM
RIZA FROM THE HOLY SHRINE IN MESHED. IT ALSO WILL PRESENT
SAFAVI POTTERIES, RARE ILLUMINATED MANUSCRIPTS, BRILLANT
TEXTILES AND PRODUCTS OF PERSIAN WORKSHOPS OF THE
16TH, 17TH AND EARLY 18TH CENTURIES. UNQUOTE

2. BELIEVE THIS SHOW MIGHT BE RELEVANT TO IRAN EXHIBIT
SPOKANE EXPO.

3. CHECKING NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR ARTS ON ITS
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